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TIM KAINE'S SON ARRESTED AT PROTEST

1 The son of 2016 Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine was arrested last weekend during a protest against President Donald Trump in Minnesota after a scuffle with law enforcement, police said. Officers used a chemical irritant spray and a knee strike to subdue and arrest Linwood Michael Kaine on Saturday at a park on the grounds of the state Capitol in St. Paul, said Steve Linders, a

spokesman for the St. Paul Police Department. Kaine, 24, was arrested after reports of fireworks being used inside the Capitol building, Linders said. Kaine was arrested on suspicion of second-degree riot. St. Paul City Attorney Samuel Clark said on Wednesday he was reviewing the case for possible misdemeanor charges. REUTERS

BANKS SPENT RECORD AMOUNTS ON LOBBYING

2 Banks and other financial companies expecting big benefits from Republican-led deregulation spent record amounts on lobbying in the last election cycle, according to an advocacy group report released on Wednesday. The financial sector spent $2.8 billion on political activity from the beginning of 2015 to the end of 2016, including $1.2 billion in campaign contributions — more than twice the amount given by any other business sector, according to the study from Americans for Financial Reform. That works out to $3.7 million per member of Congress and is the most ever tracked by the group, which analyzed spending data going back to 1990. Furthermore, the actual amount is probably higher, because it did not include so-called "dark money": funds donated to political advocacy by nonprofit groups. REUTERS

CONTRACTORS LIKELY SOURCE OF LATEST LEAK

3 CIA contractors likely breached security and handed over documents about the agency's use of hacking tools to anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks, U.S. intelligence and law enforcement officials told Reuters. Two officials speaking on condition of anonymity said intelligence agencies have been aware since the end of last year of the breach, which led to WikiLeaks releasing thousands of pages of information on its website on Tuesday. According to the documents, Central Intelligence Agency hackers could get into Apple Inc. (AAPL.O) iPhones, devices running Google's Android software and other gadgets in order to capture text and voice messages before they were encrypted with sophisticated software. REUTERS

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

5 Women's rights group Gabriela leads a march to the U.S. embassy in Manila, Philippines, on Wednesday in observation of International Women's Day. GETTY IMAGES

ALL OPTIONS ON TABLE TO DEAL WITH N KOREA

4 The United States said "all options are on the table" to deal with North Korea and dismissed China's suggestion of a "dual suspension" of U.S. and South Korea military drills and Pyongyang's missile and nuclear tests. "We are not dealing with a rational person," U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un after the United Nations Security Council discussed North Korea's launch of four ballistic missiles on Monday. "It is an unbelievable, irresponsible arrogance that we are seeing coming out of Kim Jong Un at this time," Haley said. She said the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump was reevaluating how it would handle North Korea and that "all options were on the table," adding: "We are making those decisions now and we will act accordingly." REUTERS

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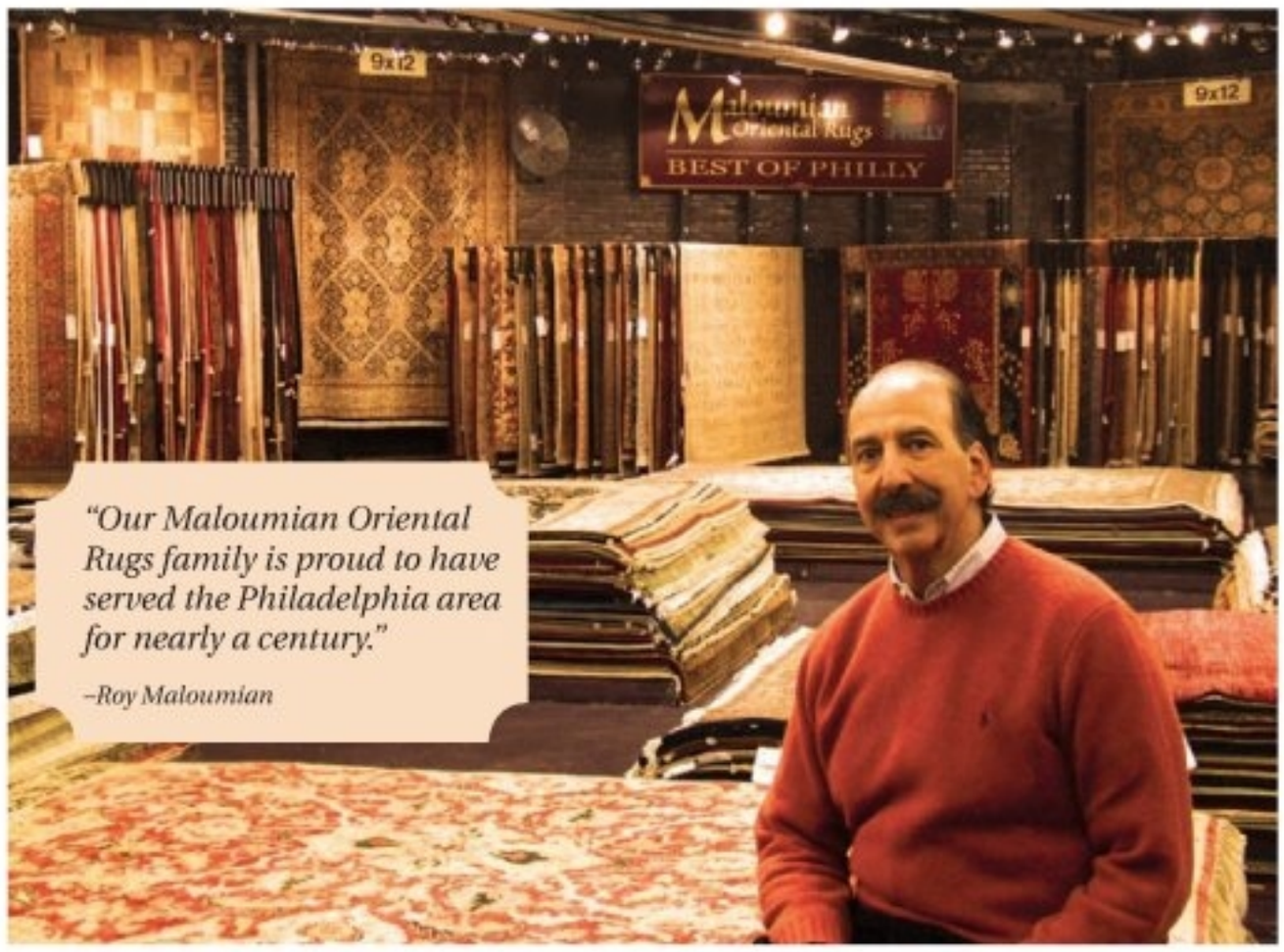
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Victoria Kessler, 24, who took off work to support "A Day Without a Woman," holds a sign at an International Women's Day rally. SAM NEWHOUSE | LENYON WHITTAKER

At International Women's Day rally in Philly, participants focus on Trump

"We're not being represented. We're not even being considered," one rally-goer said.

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They marched. They skipped work. They chanted and they protested.

In Philadelphia, women staged a series of demonstrations on International Women's Day on Wednesday to celebrate "social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women."

And to denounce President Donald Trump.

"There needs to be a revolution, and women need to lead it," said Beverly Rolfsmeyer, 72, as she joined others gathered in Logan Square for the afternoon rally and march.

It was to support "A Day Without a Woman" protest, which called on women to skip work or other economic activity and draw attention to their role in society. The organizers of the Women's March on Washington in January put together "A Day Without a Woman," which became the theme of dozens of rallies throughout the country.

The event was the latest in a series of activist actions that have followed Trump's election.

"We're not being represented. We're not even being considered," Rolfsmeyer said before the march at Logan Square, which ended up a few blocks away at Thomas Paine Plaza. "We're back to the same old white men in charge. We have a misogynist … I won't say president; I don't consider him my president."

Victoria Kessler, 24, said the event was her first protest, and that she was inspired by the power of the "statement" made by "A Day Without a Woman." She took a vacation day to miss work and used the free time to make a sign for the afternoon march.

"I wanted to show I'm not for discrimination in the workplace, wage gap, or a lack of maternity leave," Kessler said. "If we're supposed to be living in 2017, where women are supposed to be treated equally, why don't we have a paid year of maternity leave like other countries?"

Marty Harrison, 52, a nurse at Temple University Hospital and member of the Philadelphia Socialist Alternative, said that since Trump's election, "there's been more resistance than at any time since the Vietnam War."

But Harrison noted that there are specific values behind the protests, as well.

"International Women's Day is not just about fighting for more women CEOs, the liberal feminism of the 1 percent," Harrison said. "It's about a $15 an hour minimum wage, access to reproductive health care, and liberation from sexism, patriarchy and misogyny."

"We're back to the same old white men in charge. We have a misogynist. … I won't say president; I don't consider him my president."

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PECO substation fire causes lengthy power loss for many homes, businesses

At one point, roughly 35,000 PECO customers lost electric power.

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Hundreds of homes and businesses continued to be without electric power Wednesday morning as a result of the massive fire at a utility company substation in North Philadelphia.

PECO crews worked to reroute power to thousands of customers after Tuesday's fire at the substation on the 2600 block of West Westmoreland Street.

The fire started just before 2 p.m. and three hours later power was turned off at the substation. Firefighters were unable to get inside the facility while the power was on.

An estimated 36,000 PECO customers, including two school buildings, were affected by the outage, authorities said. The power loss also darkened traffic signals in the area. Gas generators were being used at some intersections to operate the signal lights.

One apartment building in the vicinity of the substation was evacuated during the blaze as a precaution because of concerns about toxic smoke.

At Temple University, power loss was reported at the university hospital and Temple Towers, a dormitory that houses about 600 students. Power was restored late Tuesday.

No one was injured during the fire.

School officials closed Philadelphia High School for Girls and E.W. Rhodes Middle School because of the power outage. All athletic programs and after-school activities scheduled for Wednesday were canceled.

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A "future internment camp" sign is placed outside a vacant lot at Broad Street and Washington Avenue in South Philadelphia. PLASTIC JESUS

Sign proclaiming 'future internment camp' appears at Philadelphia site

The sign is the work of a California street artist.

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A sign posted on a chain-link fence in South Philadelphia declares that the vacant lot behind it is the site of a "future internment camp."

The sign bears what appears to be the seal of the president of the United States and the signature of Donald Trump.

It's a chilling sight, but not the work of the U.S. government.

The sign, at the corner of Broad Street and Washington Avenue, is the work of a Los Angeles-based street artist who goes by the name Plastic Jesus.

More than 50 of the signs have gone up in several cities: Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, San Diego, Seattle and Washington.

"What I'm trying to get across is the thought that with Trump's recent policies we're actually possibly not that far away from some kind of detention center purely for immigrants," Plastic Jesus told the Boston Globe on Monday. "A few months before the election it would have been completely unthinkable."

The signs include a barcode that links to Plastic Jesus' website when scanned.

The signs state that the site is subject to "Executive Order 9066," which President Franklin Roosevelt signed on Feb. 19, 1942, to create "military zones" where the secretary of war could hold Japanese-Americans, German-Americans and Italian-Americans in internment camps in the United States.

One of those internment camps was located in Bedford County, about 200 miles west of Philadelphia.

Plastic Jesus is no stranger to controversial art. Two years ago, he erected a life-size statue of an Oscar statuette on all fours snorting two lines of cocaine in the middle of Hollywood Boulevard. In September, he capitalized on Trump's much-talked-about wall and constructed a tiny wall around Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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Jewish leaders express frustration with investigation into threats

More than 140 Jewish community center leaders sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Wednesday expressing frustration with the progress made in identifying whoever is responsible for this year's wave of bomb threats against Jewish interests.

The letter, sent by the JCC Association of North America and signed by 141 of the group's leaders, came as two more community centers received threats of violence on Wednesday. On Tuesday, a fresh round of threats were received by more than a dozen Jewish organizations, bringing the total to approximately 140 after five previous waves.

"We are frustrated with the progress in resolving this situation," the leaders wrote. "We insist that all relevant federal agencies, including your own, apply all the resources available to identify and bring the perpetrator or perpetrators, who are trying to instill anxiety and fear in communities across the country, to justice."

On Wednesday, a Jewish center in West Hartford, Connecticut, received an emailed threat early in the morning, while another center in Louisville was evacuated after a phoned-in threat arrived around noon, according to local media reports. A Vancouver center also received a bomb threat late on Tuesday night.

As with all the previous threats, the latest incidents were determined to be hoaxes.

Federal authorities have made one arrest, charging a disgraced former journalist, Juan Thompson, last week with cyberstalking for making at least eight threats nationwide. Thompson is accused of trying to blame the threats on an ex-girlfriend as part of a harassment campaign. REUTERS

"We are frustrated with the progress in resolving this situation."

Leaders

AVIATION

FAA investigates Michigan team charter flight that slid off runway

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration said on Wednesday it is investigating a charter flight carrying the University of Michigan men's basketball team that slid off the runway at a suburban Detroit airport, sustaining extensive damage.

The FAA said the charter flight, an MD-83 passenger jet, was bound for Washington-Dulles International Airport, near the location of the Big Ten men's college basketball tournament.

The plane aborted takeoff in high winds at 2:55 p.m. EST, and after heavy braking, it slid off the runway, the school said in a statement. The plane was evacuated safely with no serious injuries, but some suffered bumps and bruises.

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Senators ask if US paying to secure Trump property overseas

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Three U.S. senators asked the secretaries of State, Defense and Homeland Security on Wednesday if they were spending government resources to secure President Donald Trump's properties around the world.

In a letter, the three Democrats also asked the cabinet members whether they had been asked by the Trump Organization to protect its properties, and whether extra funding would be requested to cover the costs.

Trump's continued ownership of the Trump Organization means the overseas properties are prime targets for terrorist attacks, which could directly impact Trump's net worth and potentially "lead the country into new conflicts around the globe," the senators wrote.

A State Department official, speaking on background, said that privately owned U.S. companies, such as the Trump Organization, are responsible for providing their own security for assets overseas.

The Department of Homeland Security declined to comment on the questions in the letter. The Pentagon did not respond to requests for comment.

Wednesday's letter was the latest in a stream of Congressional correspondence calling for greater transparency and voicing concern about Trump's hundreds of companies and potential conflicts of interest posed by his business empire.

The lawmakers who authored Wednesday's letter — Senators Tom Udall, Sheldon Whitehouse, and Richard Blumenthal — were among eight Democratic U.S. Senators who urged Trump and Secret Service Deputy Director William Callahan on Monday to release logs of visitors to the White House and Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

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US judge allows Hawaii to challenge travel ban

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A federal judge on Wednesday said the state of Hawaii could file an amended complaint against President Donald Trump's new executive order temporarily banning the entry of refugees and travelers from six Muslim-majority countries.

U.S. District Court Judge Derrick Watson in Hawaii said the state could add to its initial lawsuit, which had challenged Trump's original ban signed in January. The state is claiming the revised ban signed by the president on Monday violates the U.S. Constitution. It is the first legal challenge to the revised order.

The state of Hawaii will ask the court on Wednesday to put an emergency halt to Trump's new order, according to a court schedule signed by the judge. A hearing is set for March 15, a day before the new ban is to go into effect.

The revised travel order changed and replaced an original, more sweeping ban issued on Jan. 27 that caused chaos and protests at airports and was challenged in more than two dozen lawsuits around the country. A federal judge in Seattle put the first order on hold, in a decision upheld by an appeals court in San Francisco.

The new order is much more narrowly tailored. It keeps a 90-day ban on travel to the United States by citizens of Iran, Libya, Syria, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, but excludes Iraq and applies the restriction only to new visa applicants. It also removed an indefinite ban on all refugees from Syria.

Legal experts have said court challenges will be more difficult now because changes to the order give exemptions to more people.

Hawaii claims its state universities would be harmed by the order because they would have trouble recruiting students and faculty. It also says the island state's economy would be hit by a decline in tourism. REUTERS

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US weighs deploying up to 1,000 'reserve' troops for ISIS fight

The officials said the deployment would differ from the existing U.S. troop presence in Kuwait.

President Donald Trump's administration is weighing a deployment of up to 1,000 American soldiers to Kuwait to serve as a reserve force in the fight against Islamic State as U.S.-backed fighters accelerate the offensive in Syria and Iraq, U.S. officials told Reuters.

Proponents of the option, which has not been previously reported, said it would provide U.S. commanders on the ground greater flexibility to quickly respond to unforeseen opportunities and challenges on the battlefield.

It would also represent a step away from standard practices under President Barack Obama's administration by leaving the ultimate decision on whether to deploy some of those Kuwait-based reserve forces in Syria or Iraq to local commanders.

"This is about providing options," said one U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It was unclear whether the proposal had the support of U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who could opt to use other tools to give commanders more agility.

Pentagon spokesman Captain Jeff Davis declined to comment on options being weighed by the Trump administration.

Obama's administration was often accused of micromanaging even the smallest tactical details about the fight against ISIS, weighing in on the use of helicopters or movement of small numbers of U.S. forces.

It also set limits on U.S. deployments that would be adjusted incrementally, a strategy meant to avoid mission creep by the military and prevent military moves that might seem good on the battlefield but which could have inadvertent diplomatic or political consequences. Such limits are now under scrutiny.

The decision on whether to create a more rapidly deployable Kuwait-based force is part of the ongoing review of the United States' strategy to defeat Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, where around 6,000 U.S. troops are deployed, largely in advisory roles, the officials said. REUTERS

POLITICS

US senators ask government for proof Obama wiretapped Trump

Two senior senators asked the FBI and Justice Department on Wednesday for any information they have on President Donald Trump's unsubstantiated claim that his predecessor Barack Obama wiretapped him during the 2016 presidential campaign.

In a letter to James Comey, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Acting Deputy Attorney General Dana Boente, Republican Lindsey Graham and Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse wrote: "We request that the Department of Justice provide us copies of any warrant applications and court orders ... related to wiretaps of President Trump, the Trump campaign, or Trump Tower."

Under U.S. law, presidents cannot direct wiretapping. Instead, the federal government can ask a court to authorize the action, but it must provide justification.

Asked at a briefing on Wednesday if Trump was the subject of a probe, White House spokesman Sean Spicer replied: "There is no reason that we have to think that the president is the target of any investigation whatsoever." REUTERS

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FBI Director Comey at cyber conference: 'You're stuck with me'

FBI Director James Comey said he has no plans to step down anytime soon in a speech on Wednesday, days after he reportedly pushed back against President Donald Trump's allegations that the Obama administration had tapped phones at Trump Tower.

"You're stuck with me for another six-and-a-half years," Comey said at a Boston College cyber security conference, indicating he expects to serve the remainder of his 10-year term.

Comey did not speak with reporters during public appearances in Boston on Tuesday and Wednesday, ignoring questions about the wiretapping accusation that Trump made on Saturday without offering any evidence to support it.

James Comey GETTY IMAGES

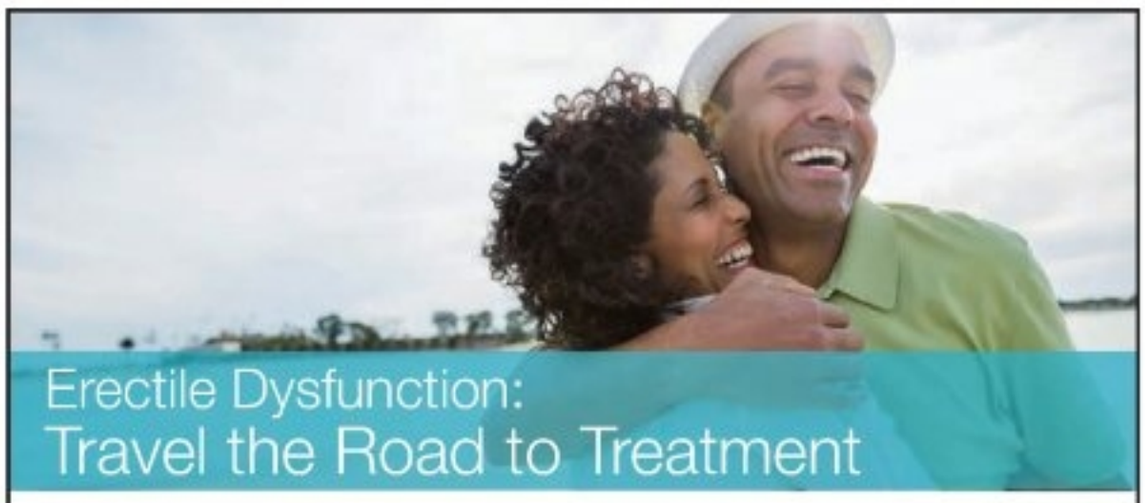
Comey, who was appointed FBI director by Barack Obama in 2013, had urged Justice Department officials to refute Trump's claims because it falsely insinuated the Federal Bureau of Investigation broke the law, U.S. officials have said. The department has not acted on his request.

The White House said Monday that Trump still has confidence in Comey despite his assertiveness in challenging Trump's claim.

Comey also reiterated a plea for technology companies to enable authorities to access encrypted data on mobile devices and in messaging apps.

He said strong encryption had become more popular in recent years, particularly after former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden's revelations about U.S. spying programs.

The use of the technology for scrambling data has made it increasingly difficult for law enforcement to investigate crimes, even when authorities have court orders giving them permission to access data, he said. REUTERS



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ScarJo officially files for divorce

It's official: Scarlett Johansson has filed for divorce from her husband of two years, hot French dude Romain Dauriac. The two have been separated since last summer.

According to Page Six, the 32-year-old actress has gone so far as to sue Dauriac in Manhattan Supreme Court, saying that their marriage is irretrievably broken.

Damn, girl! ScarJo is also requesting sole custody of the couple's 3-year-old daughter, Rose.

The not-that-woke lady recently decided that she and her husband actually didn't have that much in common, which seems like something you should find out before you marry and or procreate with a person. But what do I know?

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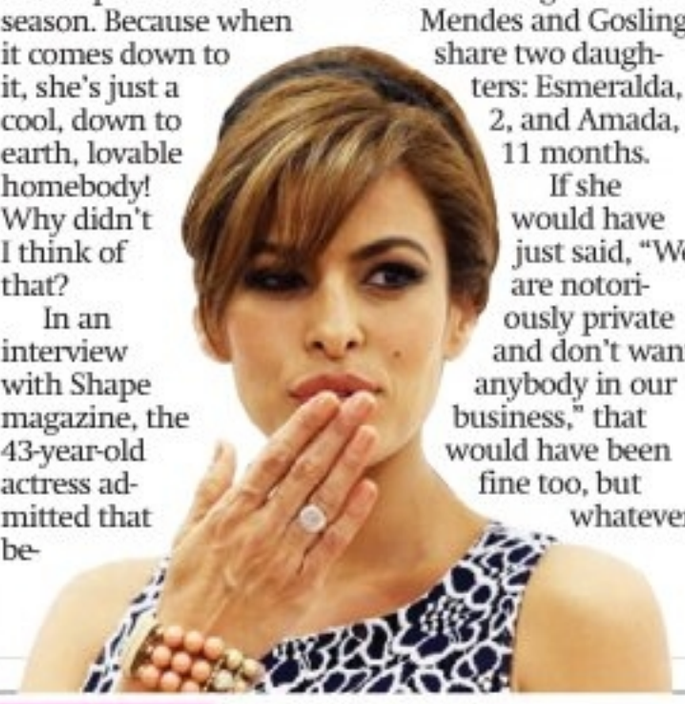
Why Eva Mendes wasn't at the Oscars

Gather round, comrades. Eva Mendes would like to clear something up. You see, there's a reason she didn't join her long-term partner, Ryan Gosling, on the red carpet this awards season. Because when it comes down to it, she's just a cool, down to earth, lovable homebody! Why didn't I think of that?

In an interview with Shape magazine, the 43-year-old actress admitted that being at home is one of her greatest passions. "What people don't know about me is that I love being home," she says. "Instead of hitting the red carpet, I'd rather be with our girls."

Mendes and Gosling share two daughters: Esmeralda, 2, and Amada, 11 months.

If she would have just said, "We are notoriously private and don't want anybody in our business," that would have been fine too, but whatever.



Jennifer Garner wants Ben back

Surprise, surprise: Jennifer Garner has decided to hold off on divorce proceedings from her estranged husband, Ben Affleck. I guess she didn't hear about the return of the original Bennifer and their lukewarm, I mean, explosive chemistry!

According to People, the actors, both 44, aren't exactly back together, but they've decided to keep working on their marriage in a perpetual state of limbo. How modern!

A source tells the magazine that Jen called off the divorce because she just really wants things to work out with her very sad baby daddy. "There is always a chance of reconciliation. They love each other. They also really, really love their kids, and those kids love their parents."

If you need more proof of how badly these two kind of want to be together, please consider this very telling anecdote from their son's fifth birthday: "They had a cake. Everyone seemed happy." Um, duh. Cake makes everybody happy. But cake can't help a doomed marriage, so. Good luck or whatever.

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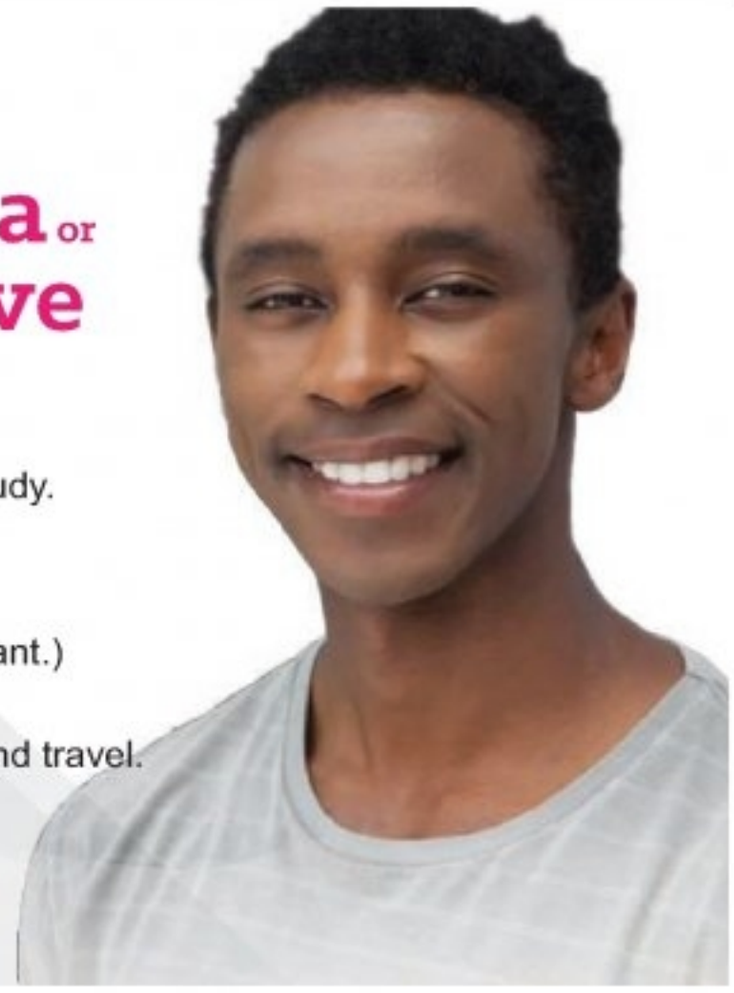

Why the 'Overboard' remake won't work now

JENNA BUSCH

Geek Girl in Hollywood

Jenna Busch takes on the way pop culture snubs its female fans. For more columns, visit metro.us/jenna-busch as well as her site, legionofleia.com

Real-life power couple Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn have acted together twice, including in 1987's charming yet creepy "Overboard." GETTY IMAGES, MGM

This week, the news broke about an "Overboard" remake. If you don't recall the 1987 film, it starred Goldie Hawn as Joanna Stayton, a spoiled heiress. She and her husband, Grant (Edward Herrmann), were having work done on their yacht by carpenter Dean Proffitt (Kurt Russell).

Of course, she was monstrous to Dean. When she falls overboard one night and gets amnesia, Dean, as revenge, convinces her that she's his wife, Annie, and the mother of his sons. She believes it. They (and I am not spoiling a film that came out 30 years ago) fall in love, and when her husband comes back to get her, she ends up leaving him for Dean, having changed as a person. As it turns out, a little gaslighting and kidnapping is really good for you.

Let me first say this: I have seen this film over 40 times. There were a few years there when it was always playing somewhere on cable TV. It was one of those films that, if you pass it while changing channels, you can't turn off. I loved it. It's sweet and romantic, and this is coming from someone who really hates romantic comedies.

That said, it belongs right where we left it in 1987.

The remake will star Anna Faris and Eugenio Derbez, though the roles will be switched. He's the obnoxious playboy from Mexico and she's the one who convinces them they're married. OK, on the page that sounds great. I love Anna Faris, and though I'm not yet familiar with Derbez, he's a huge star in Latin America. I was happy to see that they changed the premise because doing a film about kidnapping a woman and messing with her brain wouldn't exactly go over well nowadays.

So, I went to bed after writing the story and it's been bothering me ever since. I know people complain about audiences being too sensitive, but I'm sorry. If that original film had been made now, it would have really upset me. This guy is pissed at a nasty customer, so he kidnaps her, puts her in his bed and tells her to take care of him and his children, never telling her that she's not Annie Proffitt? That's horrifying! It's not romantic — it's a crime.

You know, there is a reason the film "Passengers" didn't work. There, we had a guy (Chris Pratt, Faris' real-life husband as it happens) who was lonely. He woke up another passenger (Jennifer Lawrence) from cryogenic sleep after studying everything about her and deciding that they should spend their lives together. He did this knowing that he'd be taking her life away, making sure she'd never get to the planet she wanted to be on or practice the career that meant something to her … and they still fall in love. That might have worked 30 years ago, but now it's just upsetting.

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things to do

See the Netherlands in bloom

PHS will have dozens of tulip varieties on display throughout this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, opening on Saturday. PHILADELPHIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Philadelphia Flower Show brings Holland to our city this month.

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You shouldn't tiptoe through the 30,000 tulips at the entrance garden of the upcoming Philadelphia Flower Show — but you can still stop to smell all the Dutch flowers.

From a hanging field of tulips to a giant dome, the endless, natural beauty of the Netherlands comes to the Philadelphia Flower Show with "Holland: Flowering the World."

All proceeds benefit the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society, the organization behind the annual Flower Show. Although the Dutch are known for their horticultural achievements at major flower shows in Europe, this is the first time their craft will be celebrated at a large flower show or festival in America.

"There have been trade wars over tulips — how silly can you get?" says Dutch Ambassador to the United States Henne Schuwer. "More than 75 percent of tulips come from the Netherlands. This is a very important part of our agriculture."

Breathtaking fields of flowers are common in Holland. Think corn fields in the Midwest, but more colorful. Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Director of Shows and Events Sam Lemheney plans to bring that to life in the Pennsylvania Convention Center by suspending them from the ceiling.

"We inverted that idea and are creating floating flower fields," says Lemheney. "It will be a canopy of flowers in gradient colors that make it look like it's fading into the distance. It's going to be a show stopper."

In addition to the Dutch blooms, windmills and canals admired around the world, the Flower Show will also celebrate the dedication to sustainability.

"There's a whole style of 'eco design' that the Dutch have made popular around the world," says Lemheney. "We will have three designers coming from Holland to represent that style."

The three Dutch designers will have their own exhibits at the Flower Show, but will also help construct something that is sure to stand out because of its size. Standing at 60 feet tall and spreading out with a diameter of 70 feet, the Eco Dome is a display for sustainability concepts and ideas hailing from the Netherlands.

"There's a lot more to growing flowers than just putting a bulb in the ground and waiting for three months," says Schuwer. "I want to show what we do with that and why we are the largest exporter of flowers in the world."

The Philadelphia Flower Show runs March 11-19 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, at 1101 Arch St. Tickets range from $17-$35.

Windmills and tulips will greet guests at the Entrance Garden. GMR DESIGN

EAT LIKE AN INSIDER

Jill Weber

Jill Weber is the owner of Jet Wine Bar, Rex 1516 and Cafe Ynez. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Yes, even professional foodies love Wawa.

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Philly restaurateur Jill Weber had to dig her way into the food industry — literally. She began her professional career as an archaeologist, excavating animal bones in countries like Syria, Turkey, Oman, Armenia and Italy. Her travels sparked a passion for cuisine and culture. So Weber opened her first venture, Jet Wine Bar, with her husband Evan in 2010, followed by Rex 1516 and Cafe Ynez. Weber dishes on "salad done right," the simple joys of late-night Wawa snacks and bulgur-crusted fried oysters.

Best place to dine alone

Le Cheri (*251 S. 18th St.*). I often find myself eating alone — which is best done at a bar, where one can chat with the bartender and other guests. We specifically designed both Jet and Rex to have "dining" bars for that reason, and I love to eat at both of them — alone or encumbered. But, if I must be pulled away, Le Cheri also has a very pleasant bar at which to dine solo. I love the salade Lyonnaise — salad done right!

One of Jet's signature dishes: steak tartare with filet mignon, quail egg and purple mustard.

Best meal under $10

Jezabel's (*2536 Pine St.*). At $2.78 a piece, I can get three real empanadas with flakey crusts from an Argentine ex-pat for $10. I like the traditional ones, like the spicy beef or spicy corn special.

Best hidden foodie gem

Apricot Stone (*1040 N. Second St.*). Eating here takes me back to Aleppo, whose cuisine is divine. The chef grew up in Aleppo and I can taste it in her mezze, in particular. Good, flavorful, traditional foods. Try the kibbeh kufteh — a deceptively simple dish.

Best late night meal

Snyder's hard-pretzels and gooey cheese dip from your favorite Wawa. I used to be out later and grab the addictive fries from Monk's (*264 S. 16th St.*), but now I rarely am out late and just open a bag of pretzels on the couch.

Place you always recommend for out-of-towners

Cafe Ynez (*2025 Washington Ave.*). A lot of people visit me from other countries where Mexican food isn't easily found. The food at Cafe Ynez is incredibly fresh and well-cooked, with the rich peppers and flavors of Mexico City. Try the carne de ternera with huitlacoche butter.

Go-to date spot

Fork (*306 Market St.*). I expect it to always be perfect, and it always is. I love everything here. I like to always pick among the appetizer specials, though, because there is always something a little offbeat (like a weird vegetable) that ends up being the star of the evening.

Best place to catch up with friends

Restaurant Neuf (*943 S. Ninth St.*). I love the cuisine. I've always had a long-distance love affair with North Africa. The setting is comfortable and convivial, and so is Joncarl. I always feel at ease and happy. Try the bulgur-crusted fried oysters — I think I've gotten them at every visit.

Most Instagrammable restaurant

Pumpkin (*1713 South St.*). Ian's food is inspired, fresh, beautiful and delicious — which all comes through in photos. The menu is always changing, but if there is mackerel on it, I'll get it.

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March 10, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Free Library of Philadelphia
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March 11, 7 p.m.
Shane Confectionery
110 Market St.
$12, shanecandies.com

MUSIC

Vanessa Carlton

Mitford, Pennsylvania-raised singer-songwriter Vanessa Carlton comes to World Cafe Live to perform her 2015 — and perhaps most-celebrated — album "Liberman" in its entirety. Tristen, the synth-pop artist, who The Boston Globe labeled "Nashville's best kept secret," opens the show.
March 11, 8 p.m.
World Cafe Live
3025 Walnut St.
$34, worldcafelive.com

Saved by the '90s Party

Children of the 1990s will find plenty to reminisce over at the Trocadero Saturday night, when party troupe Saved By the '90s returns for an evening of music and shenanigans inspired by the final decade of the 20th century. Proper attire is encouraged, so throw on a billowy neon jacket and prep-roll your jeans. It's going to be rad, dude.
March 11, 9 p.m.
Trocadero Theatre
1003 Arch St.
$12-$15, thetroc.com

COMEDY

Colin Kane

Colin Kane, who's been dubbed one of the country's dirtiest comics, performs five shows at Helium Comedy Club this weekend. The comedian is a winner of Howard Stern's Kill or Be Killed comedy competition, and he recently made his film debut in "The Wedding Ringer," starring Philly's own Kevin Hart.
March 9-12
Helium Comedy Club
2031 Sansom St.
$16-$34, heliumcomedy.com

MUSEUM

"Phulkari: The Embroidered Textiles of Punjab"

Swing by the Philadelphia Museum of Art Sunday to drool over the venue's first major American exhibition of phulkari embroideries, a traditional style of ornate textiles made in Punjab. The bulk of these gems come from the Jill and Sheldon Bonovitz Collection, but the exhibition also pairs the works with phulkari from PMA's collection, and contemporary couture wearables inspired by phulkari from the hands of leading Indian fashion designer Manish Malhotra.
March 12-July 9
Philadelphia Museum of Art
2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Free with $20 museum admission
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RYAN ANDERSON

Sting

Rock icon and forever heartthrob Sting finally makes his way to Philadelphia on the North American leg of his 57th and 9th tour. He's making the rounds to promote his latest album of the same name — his first studio effort in more than a decade. His stop at the Fillmore offers a chance for die-hard fans to see the former Police frontman in a super-intimate setting.
March 11, 8 p.m.
The Fillmore Philadelphia
29 E. Allen St.
$100, thefillmorephilly.com

CATS!

Le Cat Cafe First Anniversary

Brewerytown's cat cafe celebrates its first anniversary all weekend, with prizes, live music and loads of kitty one-on-one time. Le Cat Cafe was opened by Green Street Animal Rescue founder Kathy Jordan as a new and unique way to adopt out some of the stray cats that wind up in her care.
March 9-12
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2713 W. Girard Ave.
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Fun in the dark

Norway's rugged beauty vies for attention with the northern lights. GETTY IMAGES

Some of the world's best experiences don't start until after the sun goes down.

Fodor's Travel

Bioluminescent bays

When the Spanish first encountered Puerto Mosquito in Vieques, Puerto Rico, they attributed the underwater neon-blue lights to the devil; a more plausible explanation is dinoflagellate, a microorganism that glows in response to movement. Visitors can experience the bioluminescent bay by booking a kayak tour after dark.

Yosemite Moonlight Tour

See California's Half Dome, El Capitan, Yosemite Falls and Bridalveil Fall against a backdrop of the unpolluted night sky on a Yosemite Valley Moonlight Tour. The two-hour tour takes visitors through the valley floor in an open-air tram.

Alcatraz night tours

To avoid the crowds and enjoy the stunning view of San Francisco after dark, book a night tour of the infamous prison. Watch the sun set over the city as you circle the island, before a guided tour takes you around the prison building and into the cell house.

Night zip-lining

For a heart-stopping apres-ski adventure, head north for Whistler's Ziptrek Twilight Tour in British Columbia. Platforms perched 150 feet up in the forest's canopy help launch zip-liners up to 50 mph through the wooded terrain, strung with twinkling lights to help guide your way.

Petra by Night

The stunning 200 B.C. structures of Petra, Jordan, carved into the red sandstone walls, are best seen on a guided Petra by Night excursion to avoid at least some of the crowd. The walk through the Siq, lit by 1,500 candles and the moonlight, is a unique way to experience the ancient city.

Angkor Night Market

The first night market in Cambodia, the Angkor Night Market in Siem Reap opened in 2007 to showcase and preserve traditional handicrafts made by the Khmer people. The market has more than 150 stalls, with plans to increase to 250, selling clothing, silk paintings, carvings and a selection of sustainably produced goods.

"WaterFire" Providence

Barnaby Evans' sculpture in Providence's Waterplace Park is an art installation, performance piece and community event. On select dates from May through December, more than 80 braziers light up the three rivers that flow through the Rhode Island city's downtown, along with live music.

Manta ray night dives

Not for the faint of heart, night diving in Hawaii is the best way to see Kona's famous manta ray population. Plankton are attracted to underwater light sources at night, luring rays out in large numbers to feed. Divers can view the manta rays from below, submerged 25 to 35 feet, while snorkelers can watch from above.

Prague ghost tours

An already spooky city with a distinct Grimms' fairy tale vibe, Prague comes alive when the sun goes down, with a wide variety of local ghost stories, real and fictitious, to add to the ambiance, from the story of the Golem to legends of the Knights Templar.

Northern lights

No nocturnal spectacle can quite compare to the aurora borealis. The green, pink and violet streaks across the sky are best seen on Norway's Lofoten and Svalbard islands, ideally on a night with little moonlight.

Firefly viewing

It only lasts two weeks around the end of May to mid-June, but firefly season at Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains National Park is an enchanting display. Different species produce shades of green, yellow and blue light as part of their mating displays, resulting in a stunning, unexplainably synchronized light show.

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Phillies offense shining, pitching sliding in spring training reversal

How optimistic should the Phillies and fans be after an impressive show of hitting early this spring?

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The Phillies haven't been contenders since 2011, back when the remnants of their World Series squad were still among the best players in baseball.

Now with every single member of the 2008 title squad gone, the new-look Phillies are in spring training hoping to make strides.

If the first two weeks of games are any indication — the strides could be much bigger than expected.

The Phillies have the third most home runs and third most runs overall through 12 spring training games. In 2016, they scored 610 runs — the third fewest in all of baseball. They also had the third fewest hits and seventh fewest home runs.

There is a feeling of optimism among manager Pete Mackanin and his youthful offense, which has the fifth most stolen bases and the third most walks this preseason.

"I believe if we play good baseball, and we play around .500 to get started, or I'd love to start off quick," the manager told media members this week. "I think as we do that, and prove to ourselves that we are an improved team, I think there's no telling what can happen down the stretch."

The Phillies offense is building confidence this spring. ICON SPORTSWIRE VIA GETTY IMAGES

The corollary to that is pitching.

Last year's squad was in the top half of teams in baseball in strikeout-to-walk ratio and strikeouts per nine innings — and if not for a big drop off in the season's final months due in part to injuries to several key hurlers like Vincent Velasquez and Aaron Nola, they would have had one of the better pitching performances in the National League.

But a few lackluster performances to start things off from rotation staples like Nola have the numbers going south. The team's 5.20 ERA is in the bottom third in spring training so far with eight players posting an ERA above 5.0, and just four below 5.0.

However, it's early and has been a small sample size. And, the pitching almost always crawls behind the hitting as teams get up to speed in Florida or Arizona in March.

Phillies fans — and Mackanin — are hoping the impressive offensive performances turned in so far will give the team a little extra confidence and juice when the season starts in April.

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Philly hoops March Madness: Can Big 5 get a second team into Big Dance?

St. Joseph's, La Salle, Temple and UPenn will all be looking to make surprise runs at a conference title this week.

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This may be the first March Madness in a long time that includes more women's teams from the Big 5 than men's teams, as four of the five men's programs still have a lot of work to do to punch their ticket to the Big Dance.

The reigning national champions, Villanova, are projected as a No. 1 seed for the NCAA Tournament by ESPN bracketologist Joe Lunardi. For every other program, winning their respective conference tournament is the only thing left to save them.

No. 13 St. Joe's (11-19, 4-14) gets things started on Wednesday night against No. 12 UMass (14-17, 4-14) in the first round of the Atlantic 10 Tournament. The Hawks, who were minutes away from a Sweet 16 bid in last year's NCAA Tournament, are losers of nine of their last 10 games and have lost to the Minutemen twice this season.

They'll need a heroic performance from leading scorer Lamarr "Fresh" Kimble (15.5 points per game) to advance. The winner will face No. 5 St. Bonaventure (19-11, 11-7) on Thursday at 2:30 on NBCSN.

No. 8 La Salle (15-14, 9-9), arguably the second best team in the Big 5 this season, gets things started early on Thursday with a noon matchup against No. 9 Davidson (15-14, 8-10) in the second round of the Atlantic 10 Tournament.

Can another Philly school play its way into the NCAA Tournament? GETTY IMAGES

The Explorers, who have been injury riddled for the latter half of the season, are finally back to full strength and are searching for one final push to reach the Big Dance. The Explorers beat the Wildcats, 91-83, back on Jan. 19 led by a shooting clinic from senior Jordan Price, who poured in 29 points. They're hoping for an encore on Thursday.

The winner will face No. 1 Dayton (24-6, 15-3) in the quarterfinals on Friday at noon on NBCSN.

Following La Salle's game on Thursday, No. 8 Temple (16-15, 7-11) will get its tournament dreams started in the first round of the American Athletic Conference Tournament against No. 9 East Carolina (14-17, 6-12) at 3:30 p.m. on ESPNU.

The Owls have had an up-and-down season, but are winners of their last two games and have a championship mentality heading into the AAC Tournament. The Owls are led by guards Shizz Alston Jr. (14 points, 4.1 assists) and Quinton Rose (10 points, 3.9 rebounds) along with forward Obi Enechionyia (12.9 points, 5.8 rebounds). The Owls have split their season series with the Pirates and were defeated 78-64 in their last meeting on Feb. 15.

The winner will face No. 1 SMU (27-4, 17-1) in the quarterfinals on Friday at noon on ESPN2.

Last to learn their NCAA Tournament fate is No. 4 Penn (13-14, 6-8) who faces off against No. 1 Princeton (21-6, 14-0) on Saturday at 1:30 on ESPNU. The Quakers will have home court advantage at the Palestra in the inaugural Ivy League tournament.

Hope looks bleak for the Quakers as they have lost both matchups with the Tigers this season, but as anyone who has seen a game in the Palestra knows, all records go out the window when two teams face in Philly's cathedral of basketball.

The winner will face either No. 2 Harvard (18-9, 10-4) or No. 3 Yale (17-10, 9-5) at noon in the championship on ESPN2

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Eagles likely to cut Barwin, Kendricks

The Eagles are strapped for cash, with the free agency threshold about to arrive Thursday at 4 p.m.

With just over $11 million in available cash to spend and big holes at cornerback and wide receiver, the Eagles have, according to reports, been shopping linebacker Mychal Kendricks and defensive end Connor Barwin. Both players' departure would give the team some much-needed salary relief, but teams know it.

And with teams mindful of the likelihood that if neither is traded they'll be cut, it might be hard for Philly to complete a deal.

This all comes as a complicating factor as Philly openly appears to be pursuing former Texans cornerback A.J. Bouye and Saints wide receiver Brandin Cooks.

The price tag for Bouye might be high, but it seems like Howie Roseman and the Eagles front office are a key player for the 25-year-old's services. The price tag for Cooks is also quite high, as the team is reportedly asking for a first round pick, and a pass-rusher for the 23-year-old up and coming pass catcher.

The Eagles are expected to be extremely aggressive cutting, trading and signing players over the next couple days. GETTY IMAGES

It seems like New Orleans is not interested in Kendricks or Barwin. Cutting Kendricks would free up around $1.8 million while Barwin's release would free up around $7 million.

It is appearing more and more likely that the Eagles are seeing better ways to spend this cash as the free agent market begins to take shape.

EVAN MACY

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City of Philadelphia Public Hearing Notice

The **Committee on Education** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 20, 2017**, at **10:00 AM**, in **Room 400, City Hall**, to hear testimony on the following item:

170145 Resolution calling for the City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings to analyze the adequacy of our public schools in preparing African American young men for college, and more importantly to share best practices with regard to improving current rates of college-bond African American young men in Philadelphia.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Education, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed item.

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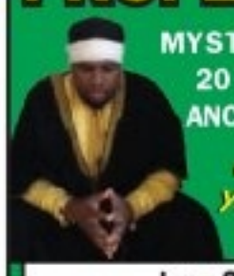

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6 One, in Munich
7 Pertinent
8 Peasant
9 Stock feeders
10 Get ready to bake
11 Listener's need
12 Siamese, now
13 This, in Havana
21 Lobster trap
23 Average grade
26 Orchard yield
27 Cocoon dweller
28 Edmonton puckster
29 Party poopers
30 Media star
31 Iris center
32 Debussy music
33 Bumpkins
36 Get sleepy
42 Kid watchers
43 More frequently
44 Digit
45 Incomplete
47 Egg -- yung
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52 Math subj.
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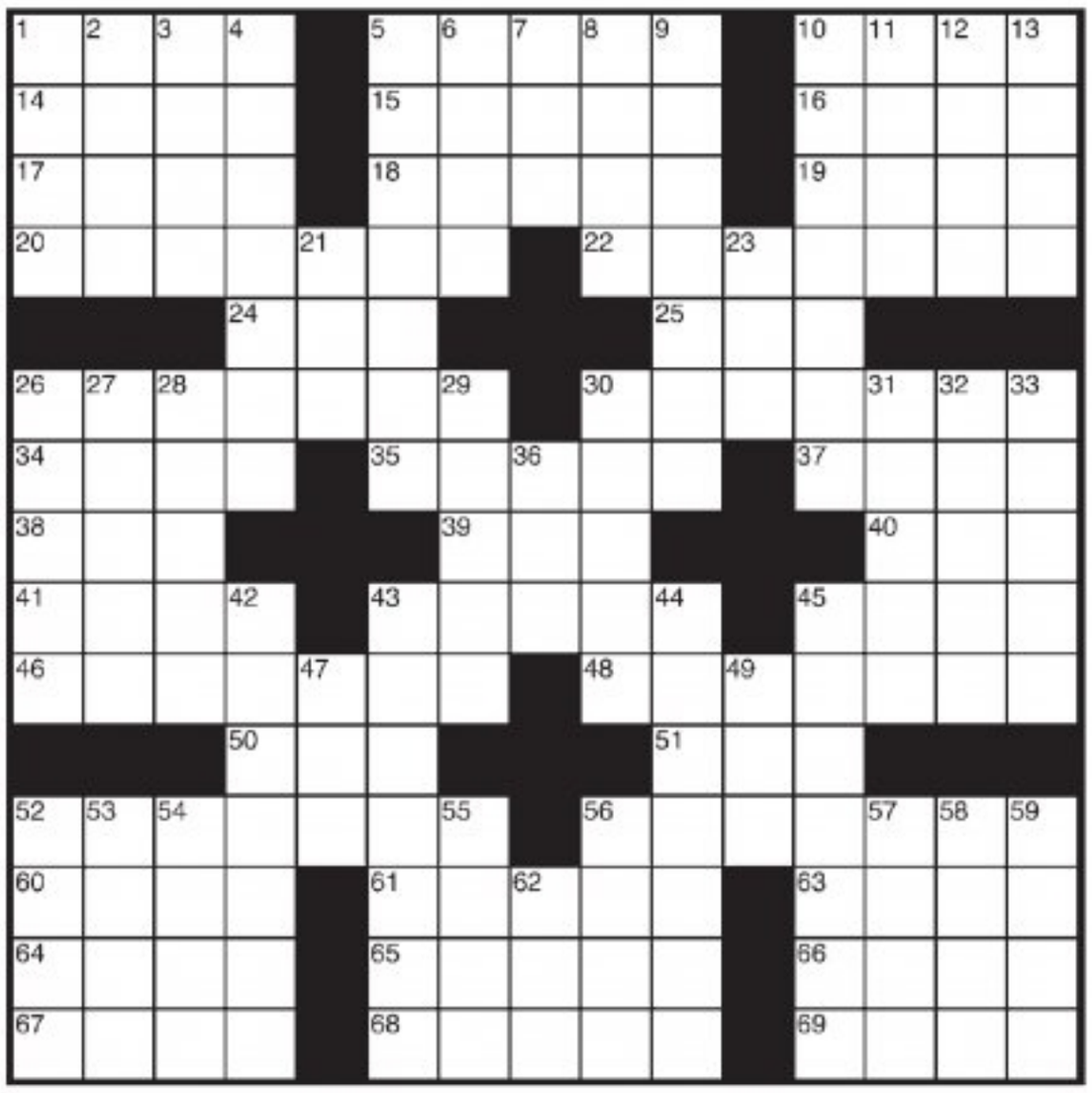
59 Glide like an eagle
62 Ice-cream serving



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Aries Attend a function that is geared toward education and you will discover a way to expand your expertise and diversify your professional options.

Taurus Focus on what you can get done without the help of others. Physical labor or exercise will ease your stress and help you put emotional matters in perspective.

Gemini Beautify your surroundings and pay more attention to how you present yourself. A trendy new look will lift your spirits and encourage you to participate more in events.

Cancer Question what others ask of you. Don't feel sorry for someone trying to take advantage of you. Stay focused on your responsibilities and doing the best you can.

Leo Taking a trip, signing up for a course or spending time with someone you love is favored. Making a physical change will boost your confidence and result in compliments.

Virgo You can spin things in your favor if you offer practical solutions to financial, legal or medical issues that develop when dealing with a partner or institutions.

Libra Form an alliance with someone who supports you. Don't make an impulsive decision that could affect your living arrangements or plans.

Scorpio Check out your options, but don't walk away from one situation until you have a secure hold on where you are heading next. Impulse will lead to uncertainty.

Sagittarius Display your expertise and ability to get things done. Your excellent work ethic will promote advancement. Be prepared to counterattack a jealous competitor.

Capricorn You'll be tempted to follow someone else's lead. Before you jump in, consider what's being offered and what's expected of you in return.

Aquarius Take time to pamper yourself or update your appearance. Nurture an important relationship by sharing your plans and feelings. Romance is encouraged.

Pisces Once you set a goal, it's a matter of putting your plan in motion. Your vision will be spot-on, and your ability to follow through unprecedented. EUGENIA LAST

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